



## **Annual Report Downkids International 2014**

The Annual Report of Downkids International (DKI) offers an overview of activities that took place during last calendar year.

Over the past year, DKI has focused upon:

- Setting up trainings in basic motor skills (BMS)
- Setting up trainings in self-reliance for Down youth
- Research into the development of an online platform in the form of a “game”

Capitola Amsterdam has created a nieuw logo and website. The Downkids weblog is active!

### **Other projects:**

Learning partnership Grundtvig 2/Erasmus with Slovakia and Hungary.

Shared objectives: self-reliance and job creation.

In March 2014, a management meeting took place in Budapest with the partners.

Subsequently, in September, we visited Budapest with 11 individuals. DKI-Erwin Wieringa and Gigi Dinger gave a presentation and initiated a discussion about network youth in their immediate vicinity.

The results achieved by the Hungarian Down Association were somewhat disappointing.

Budapest has not yet developed much with respect to Down.

The gatherings were attended a number of times by the European platform to gather information about financial subsidies.

In cooperation with Heerenloo, Projecto Yannick organized a 3-day training in Lima.

In addition, a visit took place to the Down Association in Cajamarca to offer information about the BMS training.

A follow-up of this training will take place in 2015.

Together with Heerenloo, Albania organized a BMS training for the second time. A follow-up will take place.

A request was made to the Dutch Foundation for Disabled Children for financial support to research an online platform.

Contacts were established with:

The Stras organization, experts in workshops re: self-reliance.

Contact: Victoria Mills, devotes her time to Down in Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Carla Vermeulen has resigned as secretary.

### **Board of Downkids International**

Len Dinger	Chairman
Jet Stoutenbeek	Vice Chairman
Peter Fokker	Secretary

Judith van Overbeek            Treasurer  
The board gathers 4 x per year.  
Third parties are hired to carry out specific tasks.

An accountant's financial statement for the financial year was turned in.  
DKI maintains good contact with the Dutch Down Syndrome Foundation, The Upside of Down, the Dutch Foundation for Disabled Children and other network partners.

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